

REVOLUTION OF 1989: MILEA'S SUICIDE*

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ABSTRACT:

ROMANIA WAS THE ONLY COUNTRY IN EASTERN EUROPE WHO MOVED TOWARDS DEMOCRACY THROUGH REVOLUTION AND VIOLENT, WHERE COMMUNIST LEADERS WERE EXECUTED. BEFORE ROMANIAN REVOLUTION, ALL OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN PASSED PEACEFULLY TO DEMOCRACY.

PROTESTS, STREET BATTLES AND DEMONSTRATIONS IN DECEMBER 1989 LEAD ULTIMATELY TO ENDING THE COMMUNIST REGIME.

POLICE STATE, SECURITY, ECONOMIC POLICY OF CEAUSESCU'S MEGALOMANIA CONSTRUCTION AND AUSTERITY AND FINALLY EXTERNAL FACTORS ARE SOME OF THE REASONS THAT MAKE PEOPLE NOT HAPPY WITH THE COMMUNIST REGIME.

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Milea case is quite strange given that it conveys that he committed suicide for not giving Ceausescu requests, and with his death the Romanian army sided with the demonstrators - we could just as easily say that by the death of General Vasilea Milea was not fired in the population, and they have defeated. Not true! We can not rise to the rank of hero this general given that all the evidence points to one conclusion: Milea did not commit suicide in order not to fulfill orders but wanted to be out of the game - this made by General Stănculescu to , only that he has set foot in plaster. In the following lines I will relate - dividing time into periods and periods in hours - what happened at the start of the revolution in Bucharest until Milea's suicide.

From 07:00, December 22, before the meeting at 08:30 - Milea orders re removal of forces from barracks. Military documents shows that orders were executed in the Army after Milea left the meeting.

At this meeting the dictator was asked to submit the report to bring the troops in Bucharest. Also then Milea is argued by Nicolae Ceausescu because the troops are brought in too few and he is ordered to bring many more - easily notice Ceausescu's paranoia. He finding that troops already present can not masters crowd and gives order to Milea to bring more soldiers. As reported above, it gives requests - as confirmed by the orders given. It gives order to be brought more troops to oppose demonstrators. Milea's opposition theories are false. After 09:00 General Milea went to the colonel Parcalabesc office, the Patriotic Guards, came accompanied by Captain Vătămănescu and "asked him to communicate his chief of staff, Barbu, it has two checks file in his locker to be given to his grandchildren.

He called Colonel Parcalabescu, but until to come, he went out into the great hall and asked a belt with gun. The only one who had something like that he was captain Tufan. At the insistence of senior officers, he will give his gun. Further, Milea asked for a sheet of paper, perhaps to write a final word. He reentered the office and had a telephone conversation with the head of the cabinet"[1]. "After all probabilities and based on data provided by the Military Prosecutor General Vasile Milea and unbuttoned his coat, because military signs do not stop bullet trajectory, he supported the gun's bed on the table, holding it with one hand and pointing the barrel towards his chest. The bullet entered through the body and hit the back of the chair" [2]. The shooting in the chest is unnatural and gave birth to various assumptions. He did not want to commit suicide and I want to point this out. He was a professional soldier, a very tough in words for those who knew him, and in this case if he wanted to commit suicide he would have put a bullet in his head - due to rapid death without pain. His death was an unplanned but purely accidental. Not having time to fabricate excuses to help him before Ceausescu or population it decides - in a moment of extreme tiredness both physical and mental probably (stress was enormous in those moments, and pressures posed by Ceausescu were unimaginable) - to shoot himself. Due to injuries he had to be hospitalized, to be out of order, and another general to take over the duties. It seems that *leg in plaster* it was fatal. Milea suicide theory as it does not comply with requests to Ceausescu could be a hypothesis to be labeled as plausible if it does not take into account one thing: before shoot ordered to bring in capital nearby military units - basically gave curs to Ceausescu's requests.

It also launched the various assumptions as it would be shot in the heart - not true. The criminological report no. 3/3045/09.01.1990 shows the bullet "penetrated the left hemithorax region, causing massive internal bleeding as a result of the intersection lung[3] pedicle".

Another hypothesis concerning the suicide of Milea is developed by General Atanasie Stănculescu which declare the following: "*Milea was committed suicide! This is the first thing I want to emphasize, from several main arguments. First: knowing that it was heart and soul for Ceausescu and, because he came from peasant family, man down through his modest social status, had the advantages of advancing in rank and political position, for which he must thank Ceausescu. Milea was entirely the creation of the communist system in general, and Ceausescu in particular. Second, I know that in his house portrait of Ceausescu was in place of honor in two places one certainly it was in the living room and shocked me how Milea repeat that gesture like party activists who display large portrait of Stalin in their homes. And three: Milea was still a man of great sensitivity and I think it hurt terribly when he found myself accused of incompetence and even betrayal by the one you worship*"[4]. It may be true the general to be right in given states considering that General Iulian Vlad proposes, not long ago, to give a military coup "on the night of 21 to 22 December at 03.00, are in the the first floor lobby the CC and the presence of Gogu Radulescu, gen. Vlad asks explicitly General Milea to give a military coup: << *I with the forces inside, you with them from outside* >>. Milea again refuses, arguing that he is no longer capable of it"[5]. No longer have been able - the stress to be driven him in an emotional state over that could not move - to remove the dictator or simply did not want this, as Stănculescu highlight "*was flesh and soul for Ceausescu*"[6].

In addition to expertise from 1990, in 2004 as a result of National Journal Articles has made a new scientific and technical expertise which was conducted by a mixed[7] team formed by

specialist forensic doctors and criminology - as a result of it, they managed to clear up some points which in 1990 could not be explained (or not want). The tracks themselves from serious gunshot wound they came to light only when examining the corpse coast .

Therefore on the the lower edge of the rib on the left C7, scientists have noted the lack of bone material in an area of 4/0, 1/0, 2 cm. Also, C8 coast back left, the bone was missing on a length of 1.8 cm. There were present and some bone chips directed to the outside. This dispersion confirms the bullet started from the front, so infirming the hypothesis that Milea had been cowardly shot on the back. A similar lack of bone substance was noticed and C9 left coast , behind. In addition to the C8 coast, it had an area of 3/0, 1/0, 2 cm. Taking into account the anatomical distance separating the two coasts, results in a dislocated bone surface material greater than observed corresponding to front coast. That is the classic situation in the case of a shootings: the exit higher than the entry of the bullet. In the chapter "forensic conclusions" examination are noted that the analysis of the incomplete coast indicates that the bullet shooting direction was "from the front to back and from the right to the left of the victim, at an angle of between 60 and 75 degrees, and from top to bottom, the distance of three intercostal[8] spaces”.

In order for investigation to be complete and remove suspicions direction from which came the bullet that killed General Vasile Milea, investigators have examined other options trajectory coordinates variants but the facts emerged from witness statements, regarding the conditions Milea's death, as they perceived them when they invaded in office nr. 622 after they heard the sound of the gun. All those interviewed reported that they found the entrance to the room with the windows closed and the windows glass absolutely full[9].

I concluded that Milea wanted to become "useless" for Ceausescu , but this attempt brought him death. **Before suicide gave clear orders which shows that he has followed Ceausescu's requirements.**

An important aspect is that between the hours of 9:55 and 10:07 had a meeting of Nicolae Ceausescu and General Stănculescu , and this one ordered major Tufan to stop all troops using his callsign Milea - Rondo – and certainly not the troops had not passed from the demonstrators part they found out from Vasile Milea suicide - at that time it was not known that.

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